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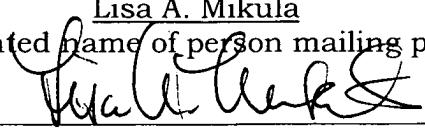
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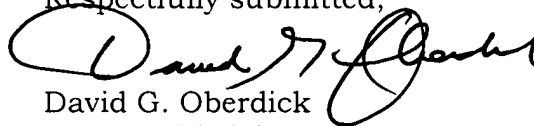
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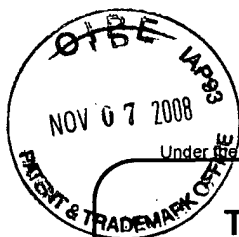


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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 7, 2008, please consider the following amendments and remarks. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

***Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.***

***Applicant's Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4.***